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**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

J. Michael Walker
Executive Director

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

KAREN L. MADURA, MSW
License No. 44SC00171700

**PRACTICING CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Administrative Action

**CONSENT ORDER
OF REINSTATEMENT
OF LICENSE**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of respondent Karen L. Madura's ("respondent") application for reinstatement of her license to practice clinical social work in this State. Respondent first became licensed on August 12, 1994, and her license expired August 31, 2010. Respondent was also a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor ("LCADC"), and maintained that license during the period of time that her LCSW license was expired.

Respondent and the Alcohol and Drug Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (the "Committee") entered into a Consent Order filed August 1, 2011 (the "Committee Consent Order"). The Committee Consent Order recited

that respondent had been arrested for shoplifting, but plead guilty to a disorderly conduct charge (Offensive Language) on February 17, 2011. Respondent had testified before the Committee that she had paid for several items in her cart but had neglected to pay for approximately \$290.00 of facial creams which she placed in her handbag. Respondent testified that her "out of character" behavior was due to a prescription medicine, Percocet, that she was taking after having sustained injuries in an automobile accident, as well as certain personal problems. The Consent Order stated that the Committee had not found respondent's explanation of the events to be credible. The Committee reprimanded respondent for misrepresenting the reason for her misconduct and having engaged in an offense relating adversely to the profession of drug and alcohol counseling. The Committee Consent Order also required respondent, among other things, to remain in psychotherapy, with quarterly reports to be furnished to the Committee and imposed a civil penalty of \$800.

Having reviewed all of the information provided in this matter, the Board finds that respondent engaged in acts constituting an offense adverse to the profession of social work, providing a basis for discipline pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). The Board also finds that the reinstatement of respondent's license is appropriate in accordance with the terms of this Order. Respondent, being desirous of resolving this matter and without the necessity of formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to same, and the Board having determined that this Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 19th DAY OF *January*, 2012,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice Clinical Social Work in the State of New Jersey shall be placed on probation for a period of one year, contingent on compliance with the terms of the Consent Order and the laws governing the practice of clinical social work. During the period of probation, respondent's provision of social work services shall be supervised weekly by a New Jersey licensed clinical social worker who satisfies the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1 and who shall be pre-approved by the Board following submission of his or her credentials to the Board. The prospective supervisor shall be provided with a copy of this Consent Order. He or she shall submit to the Board a curriculum vitae along with a signed copy of this Consent Order, indicating that he or she has read the Order and agrees to comply with its terms. Respondent and her supervisor shall meet face-to-face a minimum of one hour per week, with the exact frequency to be determined by the supervisor, to review all of respondent's cases. The supervisor shall provide quarterly progress reports regarding supervision of respondent. An unfavorable report may be considered a violation of this Consent Order. In the event the supervisor becomes aware of a violation of the laws governing the practice of clinical social work, he or she shall notify the Board by telephone and in writing within forty-eight hours. At the conclusion of the year of supervision, the supervisor shall submit to the Board a final report assessing respondent's ability to resume the independent clinical practice of social work. Supervision shall continue until further order of the Board approving discontinuance.

2. During the period of probation, respondent shall provide the Board with copies of the quarterly reports submitted by her therapist to the Committee as required by paragraph 4 of the Committee Consent Order.

3. Respondent shall provide the Board with proof of compliance with the terms of the Committee Consent Order.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

By: Doreen J. Bobby
Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Karen L. Madura
Karen L. Madura, MSW, LCSW

11-16-2011
Date

Consent is given as to ~~form~~ and entry of this Order.

JoAnn Pietro
JoAnn Pietro, Esq.
Attorney for Karen L. Madura, MSW, LCSW

11/24/11
Date

I have read the attached Consent Order.
I agree to supervise Karen L. Madura's clinical practice of social during face-to-face sessions, and to report quarterly to the Board regarding her progress, as set forth above.

[Signature]
Supervisor Signature

Print name: Anna Catullo License #: 44SC00178700
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(including area code and extension number)